

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 3-12 and 14-20 will be pending and presented for examination. Claims 2 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 6, 14, 16 and 19 have been amended. Early action on the merits is respectfully requested. No new matter has been entered with the amendments to the claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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